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Let us rise in revolt, brethren, and with us the people

Beneath the black flag of Anarchy will revolt.

We will surge boldly forward, under the fire of enemy bullets in the battle

for faith in libertarian communism,

Our just regime.

We shall cast down all thrones and bring low the power of Capital.

We will seize the gold and purple scepter

And pay no more honor to anything.

Through savage struggle

We shall rid ourselves of the State and its laws.

We have suffered long under the yoke

Of chains, prisons and teeming gangs of executioners.

The time has come to rise in rebellion and close ranks.

Forward beneath the black flag of Anarchy, on to the great struggle!

Enough of serving tyrants as their tools,

That is the source of all their might.
Insurrection, brethren, laboring people!
We will sweep away all carrion.
That's the way we shall reply to the lies of tyrants,
We free workers, armed with our determination.
Long live freedom, brethren. Long live the free
commune.
Death to all tyrants and their jailers!
Let us rise, brethren, on the agreed signal,
Beneath the black flag of Anarchy, against every
one of them,
the tyrants.
Let us destroy all authorities and their cowardly
restraints,
that push us into bloody battle!